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# The Lebanon County Historical Society

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## THE ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the Society held December 19, 1913, annual reports were submitted by the Executive Committee, the Treasurer, the Committee on Biography, the Committee on History, and the Committee on Necrology. These reports were in good general resume of the Society's affairs during the year, and are here reproduced in the Society's annual for the further use of its members, the report of the Treasurer, however, only in abstract. The reports follow in the order named above. Officers of the Society for the year 1914 were also elected.

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## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

During the year 1913, about to close, your Executive Committee held six regular meetings, and the Society held five stated meetings, namely in April, June, August, October, and December. The February meeting was omitted, or rather, was merged with the Society's Centennial Celebration held February 22nd.

At these meetings Papers entitled as follows were read:

"A Lebanonian Amongst a Strange People," by Capt. H. M. M. Richards, Litt. D.

"A Short History of Fredericksburg," by B. Morris Strouss, Esq., as Revised and Edited by Dr. E. Grumbine.

"A Historical Survey of Lebanon County," copy of an Address made in Lebanon, July 4, 1876, by Wm. M. Breslin; reproduced and read by Dr. E. Grumbine.

"Moravian Influence in the Settlement and Early Development of Lebanon County," by Rev. J. Max Hark, D. D.

At its April meeting certain topics pertaining to the welfare of the Society were discussed, mainly as to bettering its Library and Museum affairs, and to increasing its membership.

Acquisitions to the Society's Library and Museum, consisting of books, pamphlets, curios, etc., were about 105 in number.

Forty new members were added to the Society during the year. This is the largest addition of any one of the Society's past years. These 40 with the 180 reported at the close of last year, places our present membership at 220. All told 305 persons have been enrolled on the Society's list of members during its sixteen years of existence. About 40 of them have departed this life, and about the same number have otherwise dropped out. A notable fact is the wide distribution of the Society's membership, namely, that in seven states of the union, New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota and the District of Columbia, our membership is represented.

Monies received during the year, per the Secretary, were as follows:

Membership Fees .....	\$ 40 00
Annual Dues for the Year—1909.....	\$ 1 00
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"      "      "      "      "      1912.....	19 00
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"      "      "      "      "      1914.....	2 00
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	<hr/> 181 00
Sales of Publications .....	13 60
Miscellaneous .....	0 27
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Total Receipts .....	\$234 87

The Society issued three publications during the year, namely: "A Story of Beginnings and First Things in Lebanon County," "Henry William Stiegel," and "A Lebanonian Amongst A Strange People," constituting Nos. 2, 3 and 4 of Vol. VI. all told 74 pages of reading matter and the text embellished by numerous illustrations. The Fredericksburg

Paper, No. 5 of Vol. VI. is nearly ready to come off the press and for distribution.

The Society reverts with much satisfaction to the Centennial of the Formation of Lebanon County, planned for early in the year, and celebrated on the 22nd day of February. The celebration was in every way a gratifying success. Beside the sentimental, historical and patriotic fervor that characterized the event in itself it had the further and wider effect of imbuing our people with a larger vision and a deeper sense of the historic story attached to their much loved county, with its hills and dales, its mountains and streams, its ancestral homes and firesides studded over with richest lore, tradition and pathos.

The splendid addresses delivered at this Centennial Celebration, the excellent Papers read before the Society, the large accession of new members, the well attended meetings, the larger interest by the County's citizens in the Society's work are leading factors in having made the year 1913 the banner year of the Society.

To this theme of pardonable jubilation there is, however, one discordant note—the Society is still without a home of its own, a situation perhaps without a parallel with respect to all other organizations in the County, be they religious, civil, fraternal, benevolent or others. The exigencies of conditions in the Court House have even led to the closing of the Grand Jury Room to the Society's use, occupied with considerable satisfaction and comfort for ten years or more. How long we may be privileged to hold our meetings in this smaller room is quite uncertain.

With still greater disappointment, we may almost say humiliation, do we have to speak of the unfortunate situation appertaining to our Library and Museum affairs. In the month of May of the coming year it will be three years that the Society's books, documents and antiquarian objects have been stored in boxes resting in the Court House cellar beyond all sight and use. How our Society may work out to a better and brighter status as to this matter confronts it every moment.

In conclusion your Committee at this, the termination of another year's work, felicitates the Society on the many and

excellent things accomplished these sixteen years of its existence, bids it enter the coming year with larger hope and greater purpose, tenders its thanks for your good-will and earnest support, and wishes you all a Merrie Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Respectfully submitted,  
By the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,  
S. P. HEILMAN, *Secretary*.

December 19, 1913.

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### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer, E. W. Miller, Esq., reported (summarized here):

A balance from the last previous audit, Dec.

30, 1912 .....\$311 03

Dec. 30, 1912.

Received from the County Commissioners of

Lebanon County, for the year 1912 ..... 200 00

Received from S. P. Heilman, M. D., Secretary, Fees, Dues, and Miscellaneous receipts,

during the year 1913 ..... 234 87

Dec. 18, 1913.

Received from the County Commissioners of

Lebanon County, for the year 1913 ..... 200 00

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\$945 90

Orders paid, 310 to 347 inclusive .....\$384 10

Balance in his hands, Dec. 19, 1913 ..... 561 80

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\$945 90

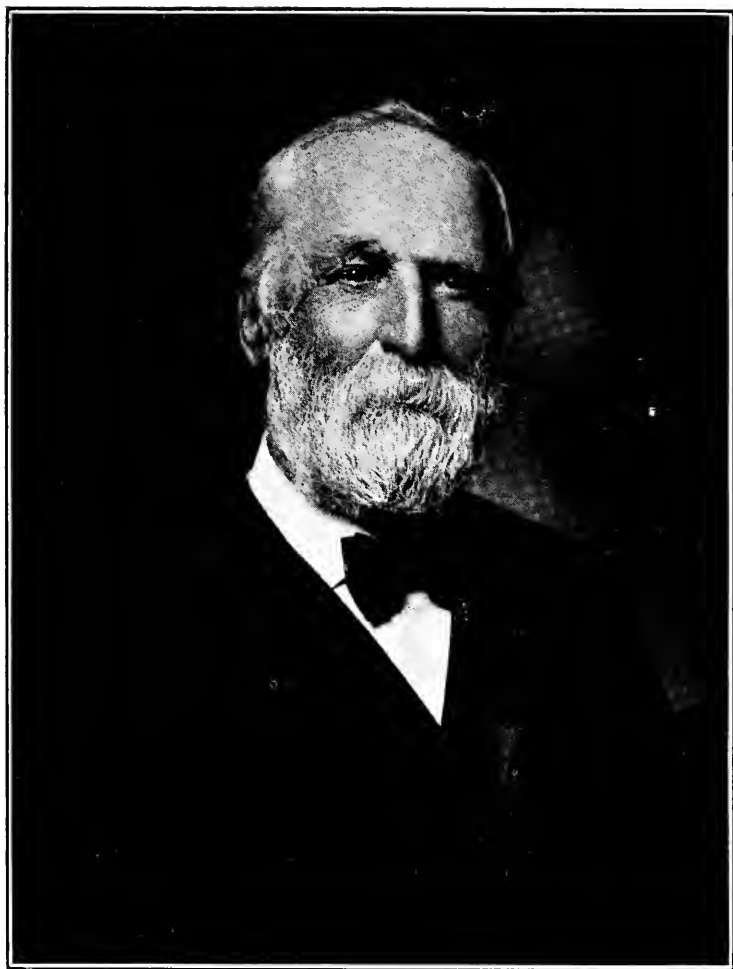
Under date of January 10, 1914, Messrs. C. Penrose Sherk, D. P. Witmeyer, and John E. Hartman, appointed for the purpose, reported having audited the account of Treasurer Miller and found the "same correct."

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY

The Committee on Biography, Messrs. Thos. S. Stein, C. R. Lantz and H. C. Grittinger, submitted as its report a sketch of Prof. Cyrus Boger, A. M.





PROF. CYRUS BOGER, A.M.

## PROF. CYRUS BOGER, A. M.

Prof. Boger traced his lineage to Mathias Boger, an immigrant from the Palatinate in Europe, who arrived at Philadelphia on the ship, *Hugh Percy*, in the year 1732. Among the passengers were Hans Paulus Boger and his wife Eva and their children, John Philip, aged 18; Mathias, 13; Michael 12; and Justina 3. This Mathias Boger took up and settled on land near what later came to be known as the Union Water Works, N. Annville Township, and the same land has been in the possession of the descendants of the first occupant since 1734. He took the oath of allegiance to the U. S. May 25, 1778. Later the paternal estate came into the hands of Joseph Boger, a descendant of the immigrant Mathias, and then to Cyrus Boger, a son of the aforesaid Joseph Boger. Cyrus had two sisters, Lydia, married to Cyrus Yingst, and Mary, married to Samuel Urich, and later to Amos Deininger. He was born Dec. 20, 1836 and early in life was confirmed a member of the Hill Church by the Rev. F. W. Kremer. His boyhood years were spent on his father's farm, assisting in its hard work, yet with a longing for mental discipline for which he early evinced unusual aptitude. For some years he attended the noted Humberger School near his home, later the Annville Academy, still later the Collegiate Institute at Mercersburg, Pa., and from 1856 to 1859 Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. In his rural school years German was almost exclusively the language spoken in the family as also it was the language taught in the rural schools of that day. His father, however, along with other friends, desired that he should acquire a knowledge of the English tongue, to which end, amongst other things the father, at the suggestion of John Shertzer, Jr., subscribed for the *Saturday Evening Post*, that excellent Journal then already in existence, and whereby his son might advance himself in acquiring the English language,

At the outbreak of the War of the Rebellion Mr. Boger was so fired with the spirit of patriotism that nothing could keep him from serving the cause of his country, neither the effort of his father in behalf of an only son by securing a substitute for him in the first draft for troops, nor that of his mother who made a special trip to Harrisburg to plead for her only son's release. His first enlistment was in the Eleventh Regi-

ment Emergency Troops, organized Sept 12, 1862, but discharged 12 days later. In that Regiment he was a member of Company A. Capt. Tobias Ulrich, and had as comrades from Lebanon Dr. Cyrus D. Gloninger, Henry Houck, Jos. L. Lemberger and A. Stanley Ulrich. Later he enlisted (1863) in the 26th Regiment Emergency Pa. Volunteers, Co. E, Capt. John C. Brooke, holding the position of First Sergeant in that Company. These troops were mustered into the U. S. Service June 19, 1863, and although mustered for an indefinite period, were discharged July 30, of the same year.

In the same Company with Sergeant Boger were Henry C. Grittinger, and the late J. H. Redsecker, as Corporals, and Wm. S. Bordlemay, Ezra Meyer, Jacob Roedel, A. S. Ulrich, of Lebanon, and Titus H. Rank, of Jonestown, as Privates. Ex-Governor Samuel H. Pennypacker was a member of Co. L, of the same Regiment and Capt. H. M. M. Richards, of Co. A., Jos. L. Lemberger, Ph. M., of Lebanon, was Hospital Steward on its Regimental Staff.

In his Paper on "Lebanon County's Emergency Volunteers at Gettysburg," read before this Society, Aug. 18, 1905, Capt. Richards declared that: "It was the 26th Emergency Regiment, a part of Pennsylvania's gallant sons, who were the first troops to oppose the entrance of the Confederates into Pa., the first to meet the enemy at Gettysburg, and the first to draw blood in that historic combat." And again: "Actively identified with all the experience of the regiment, and by no means the least worthy of its component parts, was Co. E, from Lebanon County." We find ancestors of Mr. Boger in every war of the United States except the Spanish-American.

Mr. Boger early was drawn into the profession of teaching and this he greatly honored in his subsequent career. In his Paper on "The Humberger School Association and its School," read before this Society April 28, 1911, he modestly stated: "In September 1853, Cyrus Boger, trusting in the instruction received from the Humberger teachers, had the temerity to apply for a school in East Hanover, and as there was no County Superintendent to test his qualifications, he was hired to teach five months there at \$16 a month." He subsequently taught in other public schools in the County, and even in his advanced years, after he had held positions of honor and trust in the County's educational work, he did not disdain



to return to the position of an ordinary country school teacher, by teaching such a school at Cornwall, and another near his home near the Union Water Works, true to his belief that the training of the youthful mind and the formation of a good character is a noble calling, of which no one need be ashamed. As to this his views are forcibly expressed in the Paper just referred to. "Neither books, nor buildings, nor appliances make the School. Instead there must be a teacher who loves and understands children; one whose aim is to make men and women out of his pupils; who sees the finished statue in the block of marble; who regards the child as a gem or bud, for whose successful unfolding he is responsible."

In 1865 Mr. Boger succeeded Prof. Balsbaugh as Principal of the Annville Academy, then known as the "Lebanon Valley Institute." Soon thereafter, however, Mr. Boger was tendered and accepted the Principalship of the Boys' High School at Lebanon, which then had its seat in the Lebanon Academy Building. Here he served acceptably for four years, residing in the same building in which he taught.

His father having died, Prof. Boger went back to his former home on the farm, and remained there from 1864 to 1870. It is said that he regarded this step as a mistake, not that he depreciated the business of farming but that he considered it a break in his educational work.

In 1870 he returned to Lebanon to take charge of the Girls' High School and of which he was the Principal until 1890. The first half of the year 1875 he also served as County Superintendent of Public Schools, filling the unexpired term of Wm. G. Lehman, Esq., deceased. In 1890 he succeeded J. T. Nitrauer as City Superintendent of Schools in Lebanon, and served as such until 1899. In all these positions he proved himself an able educator and as having a keen sense of the principles of pedagogy.

In 1853 Franklin and Marshall College conferred on him the degree of A. M. He also held a State School Diploma, granted him by the Millersville State Normal School.

In 1899 Prof. Boger again returned to his old home on the farm, to which he felt strongly attached, and where also he spent the balance of his years, interesting himself in his farm work, in teaching for a number of winter seasons, as previously mentioned, and in such general welfare work as he

could find to do in the community to which he had returned. With respect to the latter special mention must be made, as applying to the last years of his membership, of his prominence and activity in the widely established farmers' organization known as the P. of Husbandry or more commonly the Grange, in Gravel Hill Subordinate Grange, No. 1370 and in the County Pomona Grange, No. 59, in which organization he held the office of Worthy Lecturer for a number of years. During these years, altho retired from active professional work, he yet continued the mastery of his earlier life in the classic languages, Latin and Greek, and applied much of his time to reading works in those tongues.

Although in partial retirement at his country home, preferring its quietude and seclusion, and the more to indulge his love for nature and farm life, yet by reason of his acknowledged ability as a scholar, and as a forceful speaker, he was much sought after for public utterances, mainly as a speaker at Teachers' Institutes. He also took an active part in the campaign of the Lebanon County Progressives in the year 1912, addressing a number of public meetings during that campaign. As a writer he made a valuable contribution to this Society in his Paper on "The Humberger School Association and Its School," one of the earliest school projects in our County.

During his professional career as a teacher in Lebanon he was a devoted member of St. John's Reformed Church of that city, was a charter member of that congregation, and an active worker in its Sunday School, and by reason of his earlier military services was a member of the Lebanon Sedgwick Post, Grand Army of the Republic, in which he retained active membership to the day of his death.

In his 23rd year, namely on April 14, 1859, he took to wife Miss Isabella Keller Maxwell, a daughter of Hugh Maxwell, of Lancaster, Pa. They had born to them four sons, Dr. Cyrus M., of Parkersburg, W. Va.; Wm. P., a draughtsman in the Cambria Steel Co., Johnstown, Pa.; Charles E., a druggist in Lebanon, and Harry H., President of the Hunsicker Engineer Co., Lebanon and one daughter, Miss Alice at home with her parents. All of these, wife and five children, survive the husband and father. He departed this life August 19, 1913, and was buried on the ancestral grave-yard at the Hill Church,

three days later, namely Aug. 22, with services in the same Church in which his father and forefathers had worshipped, and in which he himself had been baptized and confirmed, and where he himself worshipped for many years. The funeral was attended by a large concourse of people, consisting, besides the family and relatives, of neighbors and friends of the deceased, teachers and many of other professions, St. John's Church officials, members of Sedgwick Post, G. A. R. and a large number of Patrons of Husbandry people.

In closing this sketch of Prof. Boger, general as it is, but into which many interesting details might have been woven, we believe we are voicing the sentiment of those who knew him, in characterizing him as a man who was honest in his dealings, sincere in his purposes, firm in his convictions, and generous in his attitude to others. Apart from his other activities the work he accomplished in his chosen profession will always stand out as a distinct contribution to the cause of education in the county of his nativity, and that chiefly by it he will be held in deserved remembrance, along with Rupp, Kluge, Balsbaugh, Burnside, Witmer and other noted educators of the past in Lebanon County.

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#### DANIEL STINE.

Born Nov. 23, 1812. Died May 29, 1851.

Aged 38 yrs. 6 mos. and 6 days.

[At its stated meeting, held June 20, 1913, a fine oil portrait of Daniel Stine, enclosed in a gilt frame, 30 x 26 inches, was presented to the Society, the gift of Mrs. Linda Stine Kaub, a daughter of Mr. Stine, residing in the city of Philadelphia. As Mr. Stine was born and reared in Lebanon County, and for many years was prominent in its mercantile and political affairs, and as his entire career pertained to the county of his nativity, Mrs. Kaub was generously moved to place this the only existing portrait of her father into the possession of the Lebanon County Historical Society as a gift in his memory.

Incident to said presentation a memorial sketch of Mr. Stine, kindly prepared by Mr. George D. Coover, Editor of the Myerstown Enterprise, was read before the Society, said sketch also containing an appreciative account of Mrs. Kaub's various beneactions, mainly the one to the Ministerial Relief Association of the Reformed Church towards establishing what came to be known as the "Daniel Stine Memorial Home" at Myerstown, Pa.

As the Society did not issue an annual for the year 1913 suitable opportunity was not afforded for an earlier appearance in the Society's publications of these presentation data, and Mr. Coover's accompanying memorial contribution.

SECRETARY.]

Daniel Stine was born in East Hanover, Lebanon County, Penna., November 23, 1812. His educational advantages were meagre, but by industry and diligent application in early life he acquired such qualifications as classed him the most important and influential man within the confines of Jackson Township. His parents were farmers, residing in Mt. Nebo. In his young manhood years the subject of this sketch located in Jackson Township, Lebanon County, Pa. Soon after his location in Myerstown, Mr. Stine associated himself with Mr. Lyon Lemberger, and they engaged in the mercantile business in the property now owned by the Samuel Uhrich Estate, and at present occupied as a mercantile store by Chas. S. Line, located on West Main Avenue, in the Borough of Myerstown. In 1840 Mr. Stine was elected Justice of the Peace for Jackson Township, remaining in office until his death (11 successive years). His keen insight in the duties of his office was admirably recognized by his constituents. As a conveyancer he was quite proficient. We find Mr. Stine a surveyor of more than ordinary merit. His engagements included surveys in sections of Lebanon, Berks and Lancaster counties. At about this period of his busy life the firm of Stine and Lemberger, merchants, dissolved partnership. They disposed of the good will of the business to the late (Judge) Joseph Coover. The separation of business ties of the firm of Stine and Lemberger is said to have been occasioned through religious differences.

After relinquishing the mercantile business, Mr. Stine associated himself with Dr. George W. Eckert and one named James Moyer. This firm established an iron furnace at either Marietta or Columbia, in Lancaster county, about the year 1841. The industry started auspiciously and continued a very profitable investment for several years. During a time of a depression in the iron manufacture (year not known) the property and contents were disposed of. During his business and social life Mr. Stine continued a citizen of Myerstown, in Jackson Township, Lebanon County.

Mr. Stine was a member of the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives during 1843-1844; Senator, 1849-1851; Speaker pro tem., 1851, until his demise; Brigadier General Penna. Militia for a period of five years. During the Mexican

War he was Brigadier General of Volunteers. Mr. Stine died at Myerstown, Pa., May 29, 1851.

His funeral took place in Myerstown. The services were held in the then Union Church. It attracted a large concourse of relatives and friends. Interment was made on Union Cemetery. Services were conducted under the rites of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Stine was united in marriage to a Miss Albert, a resident of East Hanover. The union was blessed with five children—one son and four daughters. Mrs. Linda Stine Kaub, residing at 1724 Diamond Street, Philadelphia, is the oldest child of the family. She was about 14 years of age at the time of the death of her father. The son and three daughters died at an early age, and the mother followed her husband and children in death. All were interred on Union Cemetery, Myerstown, Pa. Soon after the establishing of Mt. Hope Cemetery, a short distance northwest of Myerstown, by direction of Mrs. Kaub, the surviving daughter, the remains of the buried members of the Stine family were dis-interred and re-buried on a beautiful spot on Mt. Hope Cemetery. A handsome monument and head stones mark their respective resting places.

With the purpose of establishing a memorial in remembrance of Daniel Stine, his daughter, Mrs. Linda Stine Kaub, purchased from the estate of Jacob Baney the commodious Baney homestead and grounds surrounding it, located on South Railroad Street, Myerstown. The consideration price is said to have been between \$7000 and \$8000. This beautiful building and site were presented by Mrs. Kaub to an organization of the Reformed Church known as the Ministerial Relief Association in the year about 1900. The home was named the "Daniel Stine Memorial Home." The object was to give a home and the proper care to disabled Ministers of the Reformed Church. Various societies and individuals associated with the Reformed Church from various sections presented furniture and other necessities, equipping the Home with all necessary needs and in a most admirable manner. While under the management of the Relief Association, but one Minister sought refuge and a home there. Later the maintenance of the Home became burdensome, and at a meeting of the Relief Association, consisting of Rev. J. David Miller, Duncannon;

Rev. Miles O. Noll and Rev. Wm. H. Groh, Carlisle; Rev. A. L. Bartholomew, D. D., Allentown; Rev. S. A. Bridenbaugh, D. D., Reading; Rev. T. M. Yundt, Womelsdorf; Rev. S. S. Miller, Frederick, Md., and Rev. H. J. Wulker, Supt., near Myerstown, held in Mechanicsburg, October 13, the property was returned to Mrs. Kaub.

After a short lapse of time, Mrs. Kaub sold the property to a syndicate of the United Evangelical Church for a sum aggregating about \$7,500. The premises were then conveyed to Jeremiah G. Mohm, of Reading, Treasurer of Albright College. Mr. Mohm presented the same to the College as a monument in memory to himself. It was named "Mohn Hall," and is occupied as a dormitory for lady students of the College.

A dress sword owned and worn by Daniel Stine was presented to the Pennsylvania State Library, Division of Public Records, by Mrs. Kaub. The portrait of Daniel Stine, now the property of this Society, is likewise the gift of Mrs. Kaub.

Abraham Stine, father of Daniel Stine, was married to a Miss Gerberich. They resided on a small farm one-half mile west of Mt. Nebo (Ono). He was an esquire—a scrivener, handy in drawing up deeds, bonds, etc. Besides Daniel Stine, there was another son of the family, surname not known. He located in Indiana and was prominent in politics. John Stine was another brother of Daniel Stine. He was the father of Simon Stine, who conducted a paper mill in the brick building, North Eighth street, Lebanon, near the station of the P. and R. Railway. The remains of Simon Stine rest in Union Cemetery, Myerstown.

All of the Stines were prominent people in their day and community.

Mr. A. L. Kaub, the husband of Mrs. Linda Stine Kaub, was engaged in the wholesale queensware business in Philadelphia. Both still reside in Philadelphia, and are highly respected citizens. They have the friendship of a number of people residing in Myerstown and Lebanon.

GEORGE D. COOVER.

# CHRONICLE OF EVENTS

In Lebanon County During the Early Part of 1913

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By THEODORE E. SCHMAUK, D.D., LL.D.

Chairman of Historical Committee of Lebanon  
County Historical Society

*Jan. 1.*

The United States inaugurates Parcel Post in this region.

The Meily Furnaces light their fires once again.

The County Commissioners agree to furnish their moral support to the Historical Society in the holding of a Lebanon County Centennial.

*Jan. 2.*

Albert B. Tyson purchases B. F. Ruth's Comfort Shoe Store on Cumberland Street.

After a long shut down, the fires are once again lit in the West End Chain Works.

Stubborn fire on first floor of building occupied by the Kirk Johnson Piano Company on Ninth Street.

*Jan. 3.*

## *Fire Companies.*

Dr. John Walter re-elected President of Rescue Fire Company.

New President and New Secretary elected by Chemical Fire Company, as follows: Walter C. Graeff, President; W. McLaughlin, Secretary.

Mr. Fisher re-elected President of the Liberty Fire Company.

*Jan. 4.*

The Lebanon School Board issues its manual and book of reference.

*Jan. 6.*

The new Bell Telephone Company's building at Eighth and Chestnut Streets, costing about \$25,000, is completed, and will be occupied Feb. 15.

*Jan. 7.*

Dr. D. P. Gerberich was elected President Pro Tem of the Senate of our Commonwealth by a vote of 31 out of 49.

David O. Mader was elected on Water Board to succeed the late Col. J. B. Embich.

Mayor Longenecker read his annual message to the City Councils. Wants a Building Inspector, Sealer of Weights and Measures; and a police patrol was recommended by his Honor.

*Jan. 8.*

Big fire at Fredericksburg. Meck's Creamery and Granary and Shirt Factory destroyed. Loss about \$35,000.

The County Commissioners met for organization and elected John Reinoehl President.

*Jan. 9.*

The Lebanon Boiler Works received a big U. S. contract to make buoys for the government, amounting to \$15,000.

*Jan. 10.*

Weaver Electric Company wires cut down on Lehman Street by officials of the city.

*Jan. 11.*

Prof. Geo. F. Tyrrell organizes a Military Band.

*Jan. 14.*

Mrs. Wm. H. Noll, who gathered \$1000 for the erection of Grace U. E. Church, Richland, was buried today.

*Jan. 15.*

Mr. Bibighaus was elected President of the Perseverance Fire Company to succeed former Mayor Weimer.



A meeting of the City Commissioners was held for the purpose of presenting a plan to pave the city streets.

*Jan. 16.*

The Federation of the Historical Societies of Pennsylvania was in session today at Harrisburg.

*Jan. 20.*

Dr. Batt spoke at the Women's Club on the City's Health, and told why the death rate is high.

Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Schools celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary.

Geo. Gassert, veteran builder passed away suddenly at his home, at the age of 81 years.

*Jan. 23.*

The Lebanon Department Store, hitherto known as the Manbeck and Sando store, was sold to a South Bethlehem merchant.

*Jan. 26.*

The Independent Borough School Board met and committed to the flames \$3,000 worth of bonds, thus reducing the school debt.

*Jan. 28.*

Cleona School building completed at the cost of more than \$12,000.

*Jan. 29.*

Rank will contest is ended, and the estate will be divided.

*Jan. 31.*

First car of the Hershey Transit Company reached Lebanon over the new Lebanon and Campbelltown Street railway late yesterday afternoon.

*Feb. 4.*

George Arnold, a well known farmer, aged 82 years, passed away.

*Feb. 5.*

David Fornwalt, of the Soldiers' Home, Dayton, Ohio, was given a military burial from the residence of his son Robert Fornwalt, this city. He was 75 years old.

*Feb. 6.*

Military burial was given the late Frank T. Miller.

Measles closed Lindley Murray School Building for week.

*Feb. 7.*

The New Hershey line began running cars.

*Feb. 10.*

Mrs. Mary Roberts, of Sixth and Walnut Streets, reached her 87th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Eby, of Sixth and Oak Streets, served a thirty-seven pound turkey at a family dinner.

Rev. Bickel, pastor of St. John's Reformed Church, who was laid up in the Good Samaritan Hospital, with a fractured thigh, is about again on crutches.

*Feb. 11.*

Many cases of measles are reported. Board of Health hears of more than 154 in the city.

The Lebanon Hardware Company on North Eighth Street has broken ground for a large warehouse at Tenth Street and Cornwall and Lebanon Railroad.

Prothonotary Eli Wallace and his deputy C. L. Zerbe, removed from Room No. 4, temporary Court House quarters, to the permanent Prothonotary's office, in the southeast corner of the building.

Anti-suffragettes, headed by Mrs. Horace Brock of Lebanon and Philadelphia, President of the Pennsylvania Association opposed to Women's Suffrage, appeared before the Senate last night, against the passage of the resolution extending suffrage to women.

*Feb. 12.*

The Public Schools note Lincoln Day.

The Franklin and Marshall College Alumni of Lebanon County hold their first annual banquet at the Hotel Wallace, Lebanon.

The Ideal Auto Company contracts with the Rescue Fire Company to furnish auto street sprinkler to cost \$3200.

Bomberger's Distillery, near Schaefferstown goes into operation again. This is one of the oldest stills in the state.

Plans for a new eighteen-room school building are drawn for Hershey.

*Feb. 13.*

At 4 below zero, Jonestown beats the record for the winter in these parts.

Berks Historians confer with Lebanonians with a view to securing an appropriation by the Legislature to mark the site of the colonial forts erected along the Blue Mountains.

*Feb. 15.*

Lebanon Valley College decides to inaugurate a Summer School.

One of the largest blasts ever made in this part of the state was set off during the past week by W. G. Dietz in his quarry at Palmyra. One thousand pounds of dynamite were used to make the blast. And the six holes were fired simultaneously by the use of an electric battery.

First shad up from the south, selling for one dollar.

*Feb. 17.*

Fire consumed the Hercules Chain Company plant on Cumberland Street west of Twelfth. The loss was estimated at several thousand dollars.

*Feb. 18.*

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Henry of North Sixth Street celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

*Feb. 21.*

One of the largest blasts in this vicinity for some time was set off by Manager Harry Messenger of Cleona in charge

of the Lackawanna Iron and Steel Company's stone quarries west of the city. Six holes forty feet deep were made. 1150 pounds of dynamite were used. Between 18,000 and 20,000 tons of rock were scattered as a result of the explosion.

County Commissioners' Clerk, Robert B. Light, and others engaged in re-assorting the old records in the Court House vaults and basements, discovered valuable papers and property belonging to the city of Lebanon. They were removed to City Hall. They included a collection of tin telescope tubes fire proof and dirt tight used in storing election returns; the seal of the borough of Lebanon, and also a number of old borough bonds. Years ago City Councils used the Court House for meeting, and the borough lock-up was in the room now used by Sheriff Bollman.

The Lebanon County Centennial was celebrated today in all the public schools throughout the city and county. Appropriate programs were observed to which the public were invited.

*Feb. 22.*

Lebanon County formally observed its first Centennial on this anniversary of Washington's birth. The Celebration in honor of the event was marked by elaborate exercises held in the Court House. Among the speakers in the afternoon were His Honor Charles V. Henry, Judge of the Courts of Lebanon County, Rev. J. Max Hark, D. D., Eugene D. Siegrist, Esq., Solicitor of the County of Lebanon, Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D. D., LL. D., of Salem Lutheran Church and Hon. John M. Reynolds, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth. The speakers in the evening were Hon. M. E. Olmsted, M. C., Major Milton A. Gherst, Reading, Hon. Henry Houck, Litt. D., Secretary of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania.

The Union Fire Company, the oldest of local fire companies, is 133 years old. The Company desire to purchase a new combination auto chemical and hose truck.

The twenty-second annual convention of Lebanon County Sunday School Association was opened in St. Stephen's Reformed Church.

*Feb. 24.*

Samuel Neuin, said to be the oldest resident in the State and a native of Strausstown, Berks County, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kern, 237 Mifflin Street, aged 108 years, 5 months, and 19 days.

*Feb. 25.*

Mr. T. P. Frantz celebrated his 85th birthday.

Mrs. Catharine Bucher died at her home on Brandywine Street, aged 73 years, 9 months, and 8 days.

Mr. Augustus Robeson, a former Lebanon veteran died at West Leesport, aged nearly 70 years.

400 cases of measles in the city.

*Feb. 28.*

Mrs. Nancy Light, widow of the late Gideon Light, died at her residence 925 Maple Street, aged 80 years.

Today marks the 11th anniversary of the big Lebanon Flood which occurred on February 28, 1902.

*March 1.*

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Honafius, of 1102 Guilford Street, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The Directors of the Lebanon Valley Iron and Steel Company of this city held a meeting at Philadelphia today. Wm. C. Sproul, a well known State Senator of Delaware County was elected President of the Company to relieve Mr. H. H. Light, who has been President of the big corporation for a number of years and who was granted a leave of absence for six months because of ill health. Mr. Howard Longstreth of Philadelphia was elected Secretary and Treasurer, having filled the latter office for some time. The office of Vice-President was left open for a time.

*March 3.*

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Loser of Annville celebrated their Fifty-Second Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. C. B. Phraener died at his home 117 N. 12th Street aged 88 years. He was the oldest active "newsboy" in the State. He was a carpet weaver by trade.

*March 4.*

New eight-hour-law service goes into effect on this day at the Post Office.

The Perseverance Band observed its Fifty- Sixth Anniversary.

Jacob B. Fink, Democratic Jury Commissioner, died in Greenville. He was widely known as a blacksmith in the Greble region.

*March 5.*

The Hook and Ladder Fire Company ordered a \$10.800 auto truck.

Edward Carrol, Superintendent of the Columbus Chain Company operating the West End Chain Works this city, today reported that the Company received several larger orders recently on the books than at any time in the history of the company, and that the company has more orders.

Today marked the fifty-first anniversary of the Liberty Fire Company.

*March 6.*

The Ross Building on Cumberland Street between Eighth and Ninth was up at auction today, and was bought by John S. Bashore for \$41,000.

Assemblyman Kaufman bought Gallagher house on North Eighth Street for residence and business purposes.

*March 7.*

A \$200,000 bond was ordered for the Lebanon Valley Electric Light and Power Company and the mortgage was put on record. The Farmers Trust Company is the mortgage trustee.

Hon. Henry Houck, Secretary of Internal Affairs celebrated his 77th Birthday Anniversary.

Yesterday and today Lebanon was in the midst of a blizzard. During the night the thermometer got down to as far as 8 degrees above zero. The night and today were the coldest in the winter, largely due to the sharp winds.

*March 8.*

Mrs. Regina Nye, inmate of the Widows' Home for the past twenty-eight years, died aged 78 years.

*March 13.*

Mrs. Rehr, wife of the late Captain Rehr, of Lehman Street, celebrated her 83d birthday anniversary at her home.

*March 14.*

The First National Bank's plans for its handsome new bank structure are finished, and ready for bids.

*March 15.*

A new Steel Mill, with most improved processes, to cost three million dollars will be erected by the American Iron and Steel Company. The use of electricity will replace steam power.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company gains control of the Cornwall and Lebanon road.

U. S. Senator Clapp of Minnesota spoke in Lebanon on Woman's Suffrage.

*March 17.*

Frank F. Hauck, well known retired German journalist, succumbs to illness.

Abe Buzzard, former Chief of the notorious Buzzard Band of outlaws was freed from the penitentiary.

*March 19.*

Pump house fire at the P. and R. station. Does little damage.

The newly organized Associated Charities begins work.

*March 20.*

Death takes W. J. Swope, who was prominent in the leaf tobacco business and widely known throughout the city.

The firm of Altenderfer and Tyson discontinue retail sales and go out of business.

*March 21.*

The local Board of Tax Revision and Appeals held its final session in City Hall when the members finished their work in connection with the triennial assessments of the real estate in this city.

*March 22.*

Daniel Musser, the Second Ward Historian, celebrated his 70th birthday anniversary.

*March 25.*

Health Board in session hears that there have been over 500 cases of measles in the city.

*March 26.*

The shooting of Chief of Police John G. Zimmerman occurred today.

*March 28.*

Flames attacked the Eby Bologna Factory. Loss about \$500.

*April 1.*

A large country house and two barns owned by Mr. Graybill were consumed by fire near Palmyra last night.

*April 3.*

City officials visited Reading and inspected the sewer system. They also viewed the large plant of the Metropolitan Electric Light Company.

*April 4.*

Rev. Henry Giesz, for almost fifty years a resident of Jonestown, and for a half century a minister in the Lutheran Church, serving congregations in the northern part of the County, died at Jonestown this morning, aged 87 years, 8 months, and 25 days.



*April 7.*

The First National Bank opened for business in the temporary quarters on South Eighth Street, to be located there until the bank's handsome building has been completed on Cumberland Street.

*April 11.*

Mr. Frank Reinzehl, cashier of the Valley National Bank, passed away at his home on Chestnut Street after a brief illness.

*April 15.*

Chief of Police Zimmerman pays his first visit to City Hall since he was wounded.

*April 19.*

Mrs. Breslin, wife of the late W. M. Breslin, prominent in Democratic circles, died in Altoona, aged 81 years.

*April 21.*

Mrs. Margaret D. Mann, sister of Secretary of Internal Affairs, Henry Houck, died, aged 81 years.

*April 23.*

Was one of the warmest of the season. The thermometer in front of City Hall registered 75 degrees in the shade. In the afternoon at the C. and L. depot the mercury rose to 80 degrees.

*April 26.*

The new and handsome Cleona School dedicated with appropriate exercises.

John H. Krum, a well known retired merchant, died here at the age of 74 years.

Mrs. Leah Shindel, widow of Dr. Joseph Shindel of Bismarck, one of the best known practicing physicians of his time in this locality, died today, aged 83 years.

*April 29.*

Palmyra asks to be made a borough. Petition is filed in court by attorneys today.

Dr. S. P. Heilman put up his M. D. sign at his new residence in Hathaway Park today.

*April 30.*

Conductor W. Howard Hoch, of this city, an old employe of the Cornwall and Lebanon Railroad, returned from the Holy Land and an extended trip abroad.

*May 2.*

Pennsylvania Steel Company is making extensive improvements in its plant in this city. Its iron output last year was 390,000 tons.

*May 5.*

Mercury breaks all records. Climbs to 90 degrees in the shade Sunday.

*May 12.*

Sunday morning May 11th was one of the coldest May days in the records of our bureau as recorded by official observer, Harry M. Schott. Mercury fell to 36 degrees. Coldest May day since 1884.

*May 13.*

Operations are suspended at Furnace No. 3 of the Pennsylvania Steel Company's plants and furnaces at North Lebanon, according to announcement made by the local general manager B. Dawson Coleman. Market is depressed. The new tariff law gets blame.

*May 15.*

Mr. R. H. Graeff, one of the best known residents of this city, for years a member of the old lumber firm of Fox and Graeff, died at his home on Mifflin Street, after a two weeks' illness, aged 60 years.

Announcement was made today that the A. I. and S. Co., which recently decided to erect a new steel plant here, to cost over a million dollars, is going ahead with its plans, and in the course of a month or two work will begin.

*May 16.*

Cold Spring, a picturesque resort in the northern end of the County will no longer be used as a park, the place having recently passed into the hands of the Y. M. C. A. of Camden, N. J., a well known millionaire of Camden providing the funds. Extensive changes will be made and it has hopes of bringing the Y. M. C. A. boys from Camden to Cold Spring in relays during the summer.

The C. and L. Railway Company formally becomes a subsidiary line of the great Pennsylvania Railroad system. A. D. Smith was elected President of the line.

*May 17.*

A new Hat Factory opens at Avon.

*May 19.*

Ground was broken on Sunday for a General Council Lutheran Church at Hershey.

The Independent District Borough resolved to build better roads from West Maple Street, northward, to the end of the borough limits, at Forneydale.

Kleinfeltersville folks were greatly surprised on last Saturday evening, when a balloon dropped down from the skies. The balloon was navigated by a group of Philadelphia aeronauts who wanted to get to Lancaster.

The oldest resident in the Jackson region, John Walborn, died at the age of 92 years.

Adam Lauder Milch, well known salesman, died at age of 69 years.

*May 20.*

A forest fire at Colebrook burned over 200 acres. The Cornwall and Lebanon R. R. Company sent out 25 fighters to get the flames under control.

Wm. Henry Templin, veteran forgerman, died at West Lebanon, aged 68 years.

\$21,000 were asked for the Good Samaritan Hospital, \$3000 for Widows' Home, from the appropriation of the State of Pennsylvania for charitable purposes.

*May 22.*

The assessed value of the property of the City of Lebanon is found to amount to 13 millions of dollars, an increase of \$722,085 for 1913, as reported by the Board of Tax Revision.

The Mayor selects Committee which will strive to secure public play-ground for the children of the city.

Three cannons intended for Monument Park and shipped to Lebanon, went astray en route.

*May 23.*

Three nurses received their diplomas at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Attorney W. E. Shaak, city's new postmaster, succeeds Alfred R. Hauck.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stoever, one of the oldest residents in the city passed away at the age of 92 years.

Tallow dips were used on this day to illumine the Post Office, because crossed electric wires had burned out the system of lighting.

*May 24.*

125 students entered local High School from the Grammar Grades.

Experiments are being made to conquer the chestnut blight at Sheep Hill, near Mount Gretna.

*May 28.*

Catharine Alleman, said to be the oldest resident of the city, quietly celebrated her 93d birthday at the home of the Misses Brown on South Eighth Street.

*May 30.*

Hershey, the flourishing chocolate town is celebrating its Tenth Anniversary.

John Kleiser, former County Commissioner, a veteran shoe man of South Ninth Street, celebrated his 76th birthday anniversary today.

*June 3.*

Official action was taken by the city on Monday evening to partly reimburse the Good Will Fire Company for the loss of its four horses, by death, thought to have been caused by the animals eating something containing poison. \$250 was voted to the company by the councils.

*June 4.*

Former Prothonotary of the County, Dr. A. S. Smith, died at the age of 73 years.

Lebanon Gas Company erects standards for illuminating Eighth Street.

Judge Henry commended the June Grand Jury for the quickness and efficiency with which it performed its labors.

A cornstalk measuring 21 inches high was found on Mr. Albert's North Lebanon Farm.

*June 6.*

The Good Will Company received two horses from the State to determine if improper feed killed its four horses.

Liberty firemen and the Rescue boys each gave \$25 to the Good Will Company.

The graduating class of Myerstown was the largest in the history of the Myerstown High School and consisted of 16 members.

Mrs. John Wolfe, of South Ninth Street, today celebrated her 80th Birthday anniversary.

A deed of Thomas Harper, High Sheriff, to George Meily, transferring property of the Bernhard-Glatz estate in the borough of Lebanon, the papers dating back to 1827, was put on record at the Court House.

*June 7.*

Preparations are being made for school gardens. The School Board will buy utensils for the tots to work. It will probably vote a substantial amount to the Good Will Fire Company for its horse fund, Councils having done the same.

Seniors of the High School arrived home safely last evening, having had a delightful time in the national capitol.

The money (\$100) that had been raised to establish a public drinking fountain was given to the Good Will Fire Company for new horses.

The First National Bank distributed sanitary drinking cups to its patrons.

New Hat Factory at Avon to start on Monday with 30 employees.

*June 9.*

Miss Catharine Alleman, of South Eighth Street, who recently celebrated her 93d birthday, enjoyed her first auto ride.

Tulpehocken Reformed Church paid annual rental of one red rose to the Philadelphia Wisters.

*June 10.*

John Elias Livingood, son of Dr. Livingood, of Womelsdorf, won the \$75 prize from the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

A large farm near Palmyra was bought by a Campbelltown man for \$15,000. He will try tobacco culture.

*June 12.*

A Heidelberg Township farm brings \$5000.

*June 13.*

Today is FRIDAY, June 13, 1913.

*June 14.*

Fierce fire sweeps the Palmyra Lumber Mill. Loss reaches \$25,000.

Flag Day today. It is the 136th Anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes.

High School wins the flag as the result of votes cast in the flag contest conducted by the Lebanon Department Store of this city.

*June 16.*

Street Commissioner Adam Light passed away, aged 51 years.

*June 17.*

Hammer Creek water under a ban. The State Health Commissioner says city must give it chlorinated lime treatment.

John Barto, merchant in Fredericksburg, passed away, aged 71 years.

*June 18.*

Ancient Grandfather's clock, 233 years old, is being re-finished at Thompson's shop. Clock was made in 1680.

*June 19.*

Mayor sends out notice that all sidewalks must be laid by the property owners.

*June 20.*

Mrs. Gobin, wife of the late General J. P. S. Gobin, died in New England.

Lightning strikes Behney's big barn at Heilmandale. Loss about \$3000.

Mr. Paul Kunst, the north side baker in business here 25 years.

A carload of eighteen pianos was destroyed by fire at Robesonia.

Thunder storm breaks drought of last two weeks.

*June 21.*

Big Lawn Fete given by Mrs. Freeman to the children of Cornwall. It is an annual occurrence.

*June 30.*

Rain fall for June smallest in 25 years.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

Your Committee on Necrology begs to report that as no deaths occurred amongst the members of the Society during the year 1913 no obituary work was required by this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. HEILMAN,

JOS. L. LEMBERGER,

HENRY C. SNAVELY,

*Committee.*

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Note—In its report for the year ended Dec. 27, 1912, this committee made note of the death of Edward C. Freeman, a member of the Society, whose death occurred May 5, 1912. As no annual was issued for that year place is given in this annual for an obituary record of Mr. Freeman as the earliest opportunity to do so. For said record see "In Memoriam" in this number.



THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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The following were elected the officers of the Society for the year 1914:

*President,*

CAPT. H. M. M. RICHARDS, Litt. D., Lebanon, Pa.

*Vice-Presidents,*

REV. J. MAX HARK, D. D.,  
Lebanon, Pa.

JOHN HUNSICKER, SR.,  
Lebanon, Pa.

*Secretary,*

S. P. HEILMAN, M. D., Lebanon, Pa.

*Treasurer,*

E. W. MILLER, Esq., Lebanon, Pa.

*Librarian,*

SAMUEL RIEGEL, Lebanon, Pa.

*Executive Committee,*

PROF. THOS. S. STEIN, Annville, Pa.

C. R. LANTZ, Esq., Lebanon, Pa.

(Terms expire 1914.)

REV. T. E. SCHMAUK, D. D., LL. D., Lebanon, Pa.

H. C. GRITTINGER, Lebanon, Pa.

(Terms expire 1915.)

E. GRUMBINE, M. D., Mt. Zion, Pa.

C. D. WEIRICH, Esq., Lebanon, Pa.

(Terms expire 1916.)

## THE DINNER

The Society's Annual Dinner, the fifteenth in the series, was given at the Hotel Weimar, Lebanon, on the evening of February 19, 1914. The following from one of the Lebanon Dailies of February 20, is an excellent account of the Dinner, and of matters pertaining thereto.

## RECEPTION AND DINNER OF THE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### One of the Most Successful and Brilliant Social and Educational Affairs of the Season—Promi- nent Speakers and Guests

Men prominent in professional circles of Lebanon County and City, ladies who figure in exclusive social ranks, widely known educators from Lancaster, Chester and this county, local historians and the lovers of Lebanon County folklore to the number of eighty-one gathered at the Hotel Weimar, on Thursday evening for one of the most successful and brilliant affairs of the winter's social calendar, when the Lebanon County Historical Society held its fifteenth annual reception and dinner. There have been more largely attended affairs held by the organization in former years, but none more enthusiastic, none better arranged and carried out, and none which were more thoroughly enjoyed. An able committee on arrangements laid the plans with a nicety of discrimination that more than did justice to the occasion, the plans were carried out with an exactitude in keeping with their reception. The whole affair reflected great credit upon the men who arranged it and the hostelry at which it was held.

## LADIES' RECEPTION

The evening's program was inaugurated with a reception by the ladies of the society in the parlors on the second floor, in honor of the distinguished speakers. A receiving committee stood in the hall, and in an adjoining room Tyrrell's orchestra, of six men, under the personal leadership of Captain George Tyrrell, rendered a most excellently chosen program. A room

opposite the parlor was thrown open to the ladies for a cloak room. While the original plans called for the reception from 7.30 o'clock until 8.15, a delay in the arrival of one of the speakers, coupled with the inclement weather conditions which enforced a tardy arrival of many of the guests, caused the reception to last until close on to nine o'clock, when the dining room doors were opened.

### MARCH TO DINING ROOM

The orchestra, which was placed in the dining room on the right hand side of the entrance struck up a lively march and the procession from the parlors commenced. The speakers of the evening marched in front of the line, and took their places at a long table on the south side of the room. The tables, thirteen in number, seating in some cases four, in others six diners, each held an ample bouquet of carnations, and on the wall in the rear of the speakers' table hung two massive American flags on either side of a large emblematic design of the society. The invocation was offered by the Rev. Milton H. Stine, D. D., Pastor of the Seventh Street Lutheran church.

### ELABORATE MENU

The menu, as given below, was not only well chosen, but excellently served, and to say that the assembled guests did justice to it is to say but little.

#### MENU

	Caviar de Beluga	
	Censomme de Volaille, en Tasse	
Olives		Celeri
	Supreme de Fletau, Polignac	
Pommes Roulette		Sorbet Diplome
	Dindonneau Foti a la Weimar	
Cannebeig Gelle		Salade de Fantaisie
Glace Venitienne		Gateaux Assortis
Cafe Noir		Cigars

### APOSTLE OF SUNSHINE

With the coffee and cigars came something infinitely better. It was not on the menu, but on the opposite page, Hon. Henry Houck toastmaster and sunbeam. Mr. Houck was introduced by the President of the society, Capt. H. M. M. Richards, who

welcomed the members and their guests in a brief address. Mr. Houck, with his characteristic wit, put the entire assembly in the best of good humors, and with a few funny stories—Henry Houck couldn't refrain from a funny story if he wanted to, and, of course, nobody would want him to if he could—presented the first speaker of the evening, Rev. H. M. J. Klein, D. D., Professor of History and Archaeology at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Penna.

### EDIFYING ADDRESS

Dr. Klein is a young man, an able speaker and an interesting one, and his address on "The Centenaries of Nineteen-Fourteen" held the undivided attention of his entire audience from the opening sentence to the conclusion. He spoke of the present day tendency towards commemorating the memory of men and events of past years; of the great celebrations which the world has seen from time to time, and finally leading up to the proposed celebration which will be held throughout all England and America, beginning on Christmas eve, 1914, when one hundred years of peace between the English speaking peoples will be observed. Rapidly going over the material evidence of our reverence for historical events, he concluded with a beautiful tribute to the spirit and the sentiment which underlies, and from which spring all this reverence for our fathers.

### CHESTER COUNTY SOCIETY

Following Dr. Klein, the Toastmaster called upon George M. Phillips, Ph. D., LL. D., Principal of the West Chester State Normal School, and one of the most widely known educators in the State. Dr. Phillips, who is President of the Chester County Historical Society, selected for his topic, "A Chester Countyman's Idea of a County Historical Society." He told, in a most interesting manner, of the work of his society, of its activities in a region abundant in historic landmarks and how it has marked different places of interest with specially cast and figured bronze tablets. He paid a high tribute to the work of historical societies in general and told how it was the duty of the present generation to preserve the memory of our fathers for posterity. He concluded with an invitation to the members of the local society to be present some time next Fall,

when the Chester countians will commemorate the birthplace of General Anthony Wayne.

### THE LEBANON VALLEY

The last speaker on the program was the Rev. Thomas Levan Bickel, Pastor of St. John's Reformed church, this city, who delivered a highly interesting address on "The Lebanon Valley." Rev. Bickel as a humorist is a close second to Henry Houck, and the introduction to his speech bristled with a wit that kept the audience in a continual twitter. He spoke on the historical places throughout our county, the birthplace of Lick, the founder of the great Lick Observatory in California, which today is pointed out to sightseers as they pass near Lickdale, of the historic Cornwall ore hills and the furnaces which they made possible, and countless other places which, as he said, he "feared were not fully appreciated by us." His address was well received throughout.

It was just twelve o'clock as the guests started to file out of the room, after the President of the society, H. M. M. Richards bade them good-night.

Throughout the Dinner, Tyrrell's Orchestra rendered several well chosen numbers of orchestral music.

Among the members and guests present were: Rev. Thomas Levan Bickel, Rev. H. M. J. Klein, of Lancaster; Captain H. M. M. Richards, President of the society; Hon. Henry Houck, Toastmaster; George Horace Phillips, of West Chester, Rev. J. Max Hark, D. D., Dr. W. M. Guilford, Dr. and Mrs. S. P. Heilman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Becker and son, Frank, Jr.; Miss Barbara Heilman, Professor and Mrs. F. W. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Grittinger, Ambrose E. Lehman, Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Happel, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Lemberger, Mr. and Mrs. E. U. Sowers, Dr. and Mrs. W.T. Bruce, Miss Clara A. Sherk, Mr. and Mrs. John Hunsicker, Sr., Miss Jennie Sando, Miss Alice Prosser, Miss Isabel Prosser, Asa A. Weimer, James T. Branson, Harry B. Moore, Rev. A. A. V. Binnington, Mrs. J. Theodore Worth, Thomas S. Evans, Chas. F. Zimmerman, Christian Shenk, Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Shenk, Miss Lottie A. Price, Rev. and Mrs. J. Leonard Hynson, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred R. Houck, Mrs. J. L. Rockey, Mrs. Marshall L. Case, Hon. and Mrs. Charles V. Henry, Miss Martha B. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Randenbush, Mr. and Mrs. John

V. Brown, William H. Strickler, Miss Katherine Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Strickler, J. Taylor Boyd, C. Penrose Sherk, Mrs. Joseph Boyd, Colonel and Mrs. A. Frank Seltzer, Dr. Ezra Grunbein, John G. Zeigler, Hon. C. R. Lantz, Samuel Reigel, Dr. J. H. Mease, Dr. W. H. Holsberg, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. McCurdy and daughter, Miss Edith McCurdy; Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Daugherty, and representatives from the Evening Report, Morning Times and the Daily News.

### THE COMMITTEE

The personnel of the committee on arrangements, to whom the credit for the success of the affair is due is:—George D. Krause, Henry C. Grittinger, Harry J. Shenk, Joseph L. Lemberger and Samuel P. Heilman.

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## The Dinner Addresses\*

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### CENTENARIES OF NINETEEN-FOURTEEN

By Rev. H. M. J. KLEIN, D.D.

This is an age of commemorations. Year after year the question is asked, "And what shall we celebrate." Frederick Harrison has suggested that the celebrating habit has become so fixed that always there are weak souls who go off into false enthusiasm for very minor and doubtful heroes. While it is true that a good thing may be abused, yet there is no good reason for neglecting a real obligation. There are always mean and cynical tempers which are so fearful of being caught by sentiment or imposition that they look with suspicion on the idea of commemorating any life or event. Again we say, while it is true that there has been a great deal of foolish admiration and vulgar touting, yet honor is a bounden duty towards those from whom all we prize most highly in modern life has come down to us. There is high moral value, as well as historic advantage, in recalling high examples of notable deeds and honorable types of great lives.

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\*From manuscripts furnished by the speakers after the Dinner. Secretary.

We have acquired the habit of celebrating centenaries. We are beginning to feel that a hundred years takes us back pretty nearly to the root of things in American life. A century, of course, is a purely arbitrary period; but so are weeks, months and jubilees. It is a convenient term, however. We feel that if the memory of any event or of any man has lasted fresh and has gained force after a hundred years there is a fair presumption that such an event or the services of such a man are worthy of public honor.

What shall we celebrate in this year 1914? The birthday of a few great men; notably, Samuel Tilden and John Motley. Tilden was born at New London, New York, on Feb. 9, 1814. He is worthy of remembrance not because of any superior personal qualities or because of any specially fascinating gifts, but he deserves to be recalled because in a very critical period of our nation's history he played a worthy part. The "Nation" recently quoted Lowell's poem on Agassiz written in 1874 giving an account of the news which came to him in Florence from the United States.

"—public scandal, private fraud  
Crime flaunting scot free while the mob applaud  
Office made vile to bribe unworthiness."

Tilden by uncovering the Tweed rascality and by successfully fighting the Canal Ring, made himself a national champion of reform. As Governor of New York he attacked one abuse and fraud after another—until a new spirit was abroad in the land. He energized the reforming spirit in American political life. He set a new standard in public life at a time when corruption seemed impregvably barricaded in power. On the day of his centenary the Philadelphia Ledger in an editorial on this American worthy said: "His place in American history becomes larger as distance makes the view of it clear and more distinct."

On April 15, 1914, the world will celebrate the centenary of the birth of John Lothrop Motley. Americans will always link the name of Motley with those of Bancroft, Irving and Prescott. In these days when the cry goes forth for a union of history not only with science but with literature, we love to recall the wonderful charm of the "Dutch Republic," its many elements of technical perfection, its exquisite finish, its labor-

ious scholarship, its dramatic intensity, its pages instinct with life and force and movement.

Among the events to be celebrated during this year two stand out pre-eminent. They are the New York Tencentenary and the Signing of the Treaty of Ghent. It was in 1614 that the Island of Manhattan was purchased of the Indians for sixty guilders, some twenty-four dollars, and a block house was erected about which grew up slowly a village—the rudiment of the present metropolis. March 27th is the 300th anniversary of the granting of the first general charter for regular commerce with what is now New York by the States-general of the United Netherlands. New York is planning an extensive celebration of this event to begin on Friday, March 27th with a "great universal religious service of praise and thanksgiving for the blessings of three centuries of progress,"—continuing through April and May in school and college celebrations with the hope of giving impetus to a system of scholarship for the exchange of commercial students with foreign schools. During the summer months there will be a series of exhibitions of the material resources of the various States of the Union. In September a musical festival on a large scale will be held, and a series of pageants is planned. The celebration will close on October 1st, the 300th anniversary of the granting of the first special charter for trading to New Netherlands.

The great celebration of the year 1914, however, will be the American British Peace Centennial. It is to be of the nature of an international demonstration to all the world that two great nations have kept the peace for a hundred years and have justified their ability to keep peace forever by settling their international differences by diplomacy and by judicial arbitration. It is this thought that has inspired the founders of the proposed celebration.

The Treaty of Ghent which officially closed the War of 1812 between the United States and England was signed on Christmas eve in the year 1814. The American Commissioners, John Quincy Adams, Jonathan Russell, James A. Bayard, Henry Clay and Albert Gallatin met the British delegates in the stately refectory of the Monastery of the Carthusian Brothers, in the interesting old city of Ghent. There after an endless amount of discussion and negotiation peace was declared, peace on its simplest terms. In the treaty itself not a question was



touched which at the beginning of the negotiations had been considered of vital importance.

The celebration of this event is to be international. On December 1912 at two gatherings in New York and London the work of both the American and the British Committees for the Hundred Years' Celebration was brought before the public. The program of the several committees has a number of interesting features. International monuments of identical design are to be erected in Great Britain and the United States, the foundation stones to be laid on the selected day by his Majesty, the King, in Great Britain, and by the President in the United States. Chairs of British-American History are to be endowed with special reference to the peaceful progress and relations of the two peoples and based upon the principle of an interchange of professors. Prizes are to be awarded in schools, colleges and universities for essays on this topic. A Memorial Free Bridge is to be erected across Niagara River, the bridge to be a perpetual symbol of the peaceful relations between the Dominion of Canada and this country. Already the British have acquired and endowed Sulgrave Manor in Northamptonshire, England, the ancestral home of George Washington and are using it as an international gathering place and as a repository of historical memoranda concerning the relations of the two countries. The women of America are planning to erect in the city of Washington a statue of Queen Victoria, and a bust of George Washington is to be placed in Westminster Abbey. Statues of Chatham and Burke are to be erected in appropriate places. A museum of industrial arts in New York is to be dedicated to the uses of the people for the promotion of friendly international intercourse. Memorial stamps and coinage and medals are taken for granted.

In the city of Ghent the most extensive preparations are being made for the event. The Hall of the Convent, where the treaty was originally signed is being restored as fully as possible to the condition in which it was in 1814. The throne room in the Hotel de ville where in the first week in Jan., 1815, a grand banquet was given by the notables of Ghent in honor of the American Commissioners, is to be restored. Even the pictures which looked down upon this company assembled at that banquet are to be taken temporarily out of the Archaeological Museum, and again displayed in the throne room.

Christmas Eve, 1914, will have special significance for those who believe in the Prince of Peace. On that day wherever Anglo-Saxon people are gathered in churches, schools and universities, religious services of Thanksgiving will be held. The toast given to the city of Ghent by John Quincy Adams at the banquet in the Hotel de Ville will become the prayer of Anglo-Saxondom "May the gates of the Temple of James, closed here, never be opened during the century." The hope of all thinking men is that the celebration of the Hundred Years' Peace between England and America will be an epoch in world history, will instill into the international mind and heart the conviction that such a thing as future war between the United States and England must be held as unthinkable. This will do much toward bringing about the peace of the world.

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## A CHESTER COUNTIAN'S IDEA OF A COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By GEORGE M. PHILLIPS, Ph.D., LL.D.

After referring in complimentary terms to Hon. Henry Houck, the Toastmaster of the evening, and Dr. S. P. Heilman, for his efficient work, not only in the Lebanon County Historical Society, but in the Historical Society work of the State at large, Dr. Phillips, who for the past thirty-three years has been Principal of the State Normal School at West Chester, and almost twenty years President of the Chester County Historical Society, told of the work of that Society.

The Chester County Historical Society was founded in 1893, and, like other societies, it has gathered up a large and interesting collection of objects of historical interest, which is housed in the fire-proof library building of the West Chester State Normal School. The Society holds several public meetings each year, at which papers and addresses of historical interest are delivered. These meetings are generally well attended by the members of the Society, who now number nearly four hundred, and by the people of West Chester and vicinity. But the special work of the Society for some years past, has been commemorating at an important public meeting each year, leading men of the past, who were natives of or who lived in the

county, as well as historical events. This began as a social and regular feature of the Society's work, when the Society marked the Stargazers' Stone.

In 1763, Mason and Dixon came to Philadelphia preparatory to laying out the famous line between Pennsylvania and Maryland, which has ever since born their name. The terms of the agreement between the Penns and Lord Baltimore were that the line should run due east and west fifteen miles south of the southern boundary of Philadelphia. Mason and Dixon started at the foot of South street in Philadelphia, and as they could not measure their fifteen mile line directly south there because of the Delaware River, they first ran out west for thirty-one miles, running about a mile south of the Normal School buildings in West Chester, and ending at a point on the farm of Henry Harlan, in the Forks of the Brandywine. Here they set up a stone which is a common field stone, about a yard long, and remained several months making necessary observations. From this point they measured due south fifteen miles, and then started westward on their famous line. The stone which they set up thus in the forks of the Brandywine was called at that time, and has ever since been called "the Stargazers' stone." It has remained ever since exactly in the position in which they placed it, and our Society secured a deed to a small square of land surrounding this stone, and enclosed it with a handsome and substantial low stone wall, marked it, and got title to access to it from the near-by public road, and held suitable exercises in its dedication.

The next year the Society marked the last home and the burial place of Indian Hannah, the last surviving native Indian of Chester County, a member of the Lenni Lenape tribe, who long remained in the county after the rest of her tribe had removed to the west. She died very early in the 19th century. At the same time the Society marked the site of a nearby Indian village, and an Indian burial ground, holding appropriate exercises on the spot.

The next year, 1910, was the hundredth anniversary of the first rolling of boiler plate in America, which was done at the Lukens Iron Mills in Coatesville. The Society commemorated this event at Coatesville, appropriately marking the place, and holding interesting exercises, which were largely attended. John Fritz, the famous iron master of Pennsylvania, and Ex-

Governor Pennypacker, both natives of the county, and members of the Society, were the prominent speakers on this occasion.

In 1911, the commemoration was held at the village of New London in the southern part of Chester county. Here was one of several famous early schools, mostly founded by Scotch-Irish ministers in the Scotch-Irish belt, which ran north and south on the western boundary of Chester county. The school at New London, founded in 1793, by Rev. Francis Allison and carried on by him, is remarkable for the group of famous men who were educated there. Three signers of the Declaration of Independence, one of whom, McKean, was afterwards Governor and Chief Justice of Pennsylvania; the Secretary of Congress, Charles Thompson, Postmaster General of the United States; Ebenezer Hazard. Francis Allison himself became later the Vice Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, and one of his pupils became Provost of the University.

Near by was a similar school at Fagg's Manor, which furnished two Presidents of Princeton College, and other famous men. These and other early schools were appropriately marked.

In 1912, the commemoration meeting was held at Kennett Square on the grounds of Cedarcroft, the former home of Bayard Taylor, and was in commemoration of Bayard Taylor and T. Buchanan Read, famous literary men who were both born in Chester county. This was an unusually large and successful meeting, not less than twelve hundred persons being there, and the chief speaker was Hon. George W. Wickersham, then Attorney General of the United States, whose ancestors had gone from that neighborhood.

In 1913, the meeting was held at Marshallton, four miles west of West Chester, at the home of Humphry Marshall, a famous botanist of a century ago, and the author of the first American book on plants. It commemorated him and Dr. William Darlington, another famous botanist of the county. It was held in the grove of trees which Marshall had planted, and which Professor Sargent, of Harvard University, says is the finest existing early arboretum in the country.

It is proposed next year to commemorate the life of General Anthony Wayne, of Revolutionary fame, who was born in Chester county, and whose beautiful old home is still standing

near Paoli. These meetings have proved to be of great interest and a great educational factor in the county. Besides holding the meetings, accounts of which are always widely published, the birthplaces, and other places connected with these men, are marked with appropriate bronze tablets permanently set up so as to tell their story to future generations. The Society believes this is a very useful kind of work, and we should be delighted to welcome a large number of members of the Lebanon County Historical Society at our Wayne celebration next September.

# In Memoriam

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## EDWARD COLEMAN FREEMAN

Born April 8, 1856

Died May 5, 1912.

Aged 56 years and 27 days.

Edward Coleman Freeman was born at Washington, D. C. on the eighth day of April 1856, and died at Cornwall, Penna., on the fifth day of May 1912.

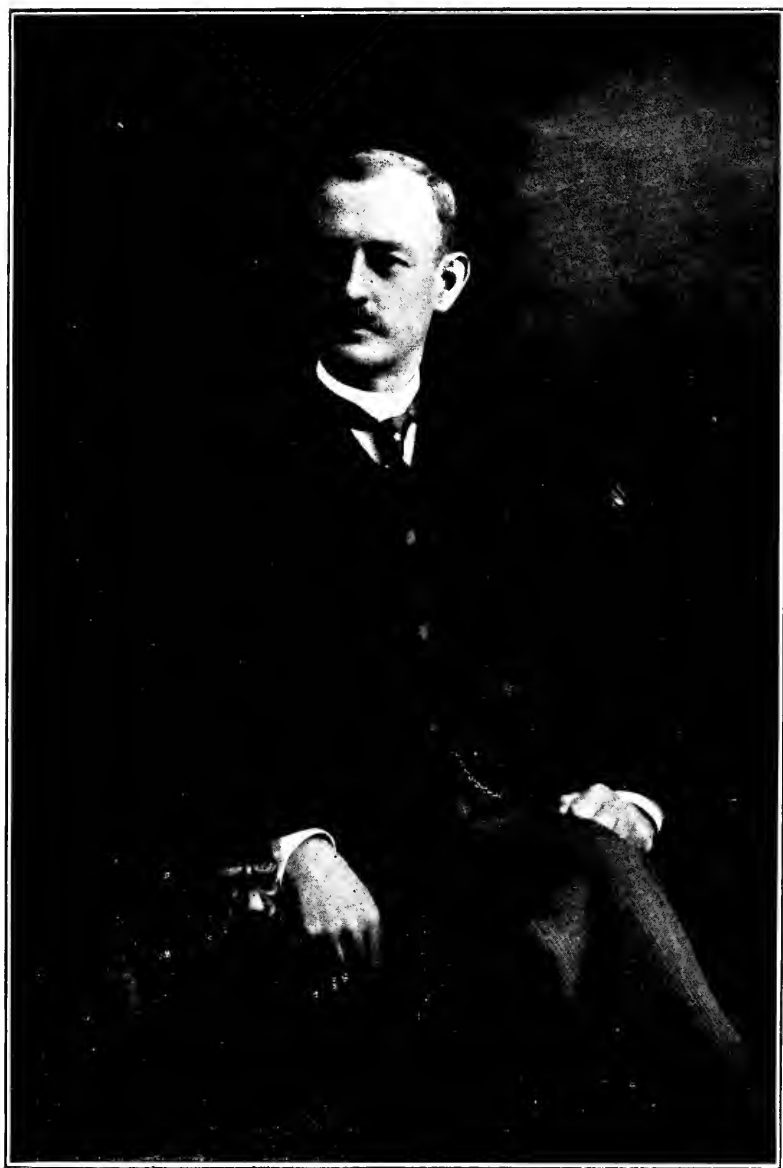
He was a son of the late Col. William G. Freeman, U. S. Army, and Margaret C. Freeman, a daughter of Thos. Bird Coleman, dec'd. who in his lifetime was the owner of Cornwall Furnace and the large estate connected with it.

In his younger days Mr. Freeman spent his summers at Cornwall and his winters at Washington, D. C.

His first instructors were private tutors, and later on he attended St. Mark's School for Boys at Southborough, Mass. and Mohegan Lake School near Peekskill, N. Y. and afterwards took up a special course of study in the Pardee Scientific Department at Lafayette College at Easton, Pa., where he received a Diploma in 1878 and soon thereafter he became identified with the business interests of his family at Cornwall, where he continued to reside up to the time of his death.

He was President of the Cornwall Iron Company and Cornwall Turnpike Company, and a Director of the Cornwall Railroad Company, Robesonia Iron Company Limited, and the Valley National Bank of Lebanon at the time of his death. He had also served as President of the Board of Directors of Cornwall School District, and held the office of Postmaster at Cornwall, for a number of years.

He was also the representative of his family's interest in the Cornwall Ore Bank Company. Mr. Freeman took great pleasure in gunning and out door exercise up to a few years before his death, and he was the owner of a kennel of some of the most noted hunting dogs in the country.



EDWARD COLEMAN FREEMAN





He was also interested in farming and the raising of trotting horses at the Speedwell Stock Farm of the Cornwall Estate, and had on his "Fairview Farm" near Bismarck, a choice herd of Registered Guernsey Cattle.

Mr. Freeman was a man of generous impulse, and the many favors he conferred in a quiet, unostentatious way, will never be known.

He had the handsome stone parsonage erected on the lot adjoining the Cornwall Methodist Episcopal Church and donated it with the lot to the congregation worshipping there, in consideration of the friendly interest taken by his family in the Church, and in his Will "as a Memorial to Mrs. Thomas Bird Coleman who was instrumental in erecting the first Methodist Episcopal Church at Cornwall, Penna." he gave and devised the sum of \$10,000 to be held in trust and for the use of the Church and for its maintenance.

Socially Mr. Freeman was identified with and a member of the Union League of Philadelphia, The Metropolitan Club of Washington, D. C., The Hamilton Club of Lancaster, Pa., The Steitz Club of Lebanon and Lodge No. 631, B. P. O. of Elks, of Lebanon.

He was fond of entertaining his many friends, and when stricken with apoplexy on the afternoon previous to his death, he had several friends with him inspecting the cattle on his Fairview Farm.

Mr. Freeman was elected a member of the Lebanon County Historical Society, Dec. 29, 1904, and took a lively interest in its work.

He was unmarried and left surviving him, of his immediate family, two sisters, Miss I. C. Freeman and Mrs. B. H. Buckingham, and William C. Freeman, a nephew.

"Peace to his ashes."

H. C. G.













